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Lake Los Angeles Man Sentenced for Fatally Shooting Wife

A Lake Los Angeles man was sentenced today to 50 years to life in state prison for fatally shooting his wife in February 2018, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury convicted 37-year-old Michael Daniel Mayberry of one felony count each of first-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a felon after deliberating less than an hour on Feb. 25. The jury also found true an allegation that the defendant used a firearm, a handgun, causing great bodily injury or death.

Deputy District Attorneys Tom Hilton and Diane Hong prosecuted case MA073301. Mayberry was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Daviann L. Mitchell.

On the afternoon of Feb. 25, 2018, Mayberry got into an argument with his wife, Sandy Mayberry, 28, at their home in northeastern Los Angeles County. After she said she was going to leave him and began to walk out of the house, he shot her four times in the back and then shot her once in the head after she had crawled onto the front lawn, according to court testimony.

The couple's four children and the defendant's mother were at the home during the shooting.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.